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In re application of

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SOLID PREPARATION CONTAINING CHITOSAN
POWDER AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert:

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP00/05279 filed August 7, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A solid preparation according to claim 1, wherein the enteric polymer is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate and methacrylic acid-ethyl acrylate copolymer.